

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1-12. (canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) Profiled guiding element formed of sheet metal for guiding operations, comprising a piece of sheet metal having two projecting edge flanges on a longitudinal edge thereof, the two projecting edge flanges being formed by a profiling gaps method performed in the longitudinal edge so that at least one surface of the edge flanges has a greater hardness than a portion of the piece of sheet metal on which no profiling gaps method has been performed, at least one surface of the profiled guiding element forming a guiding surface for at least one rolling body or sliding body.

14. (Currently Amended) Profiled guiding element according to claim 13, wherein at least one surface of the edge flanges forms the at least one guiding surface and has a greater hardness than a portion of the piece of sheet metal on which no profiling gaps method has been performed.

15. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 14, wherein a surface area lying between the two edge flanges and/or a partial area of interior sides facing each other of the two edge flanges forms the at least one guiding surface.

16. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 14, wherein a surface area lying between the two edge flanges at least partially forms the at least one guiding surface.

17. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 14, wherein interior sides facing each other of the two edge flanges at least partially form guiding surfaces.
18. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 14, wherein the at least one guiding surface is cross-sectionally arc-shaped and works together with rolling bodies that are spherical in shape.
19. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 14, wherein the two edge flanges are arranged symmetrically to a plane in a center of the profiled guiding element.
20. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 14, wherein the two edge flanges are arranged asymmetrically to a plane in a center of the profiled guiding element.
21. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 14, wherein an exterior side of at least one of the two edge flanges forms the at least one guiding surface.
22. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 14, wherein the two edge flanges at least partially surround a sliding body that forms an internal joint element.
23. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 22, wherein both of the interior sides of the two edge flanges face each other and form the guiding surface and lie on a common surface of a cylinder.

24. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 13, wherein the guiding operations include at least one of longitudinal guiding operations and pivoting guiding operations.

25. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 13, wherein the surface area lying between the two edge flanges and/or a partial area of the interior sides facing each other of the two edge flanges forms at least one guiding surface for the at least one rolling body or sliding body.

26. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 13, wherein a surface area lying between the two edge flanges at least partially forms the at least one guiding surface.

27. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 13, wherein interior sides facing each other of the two edge flanges at least partially form guiding surfaces.

28. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 13, wherein the at least one guiding surface is cross-sectionally arc-shaped and works together with rolling bodies that are spherical in shape.

29. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 13, wherein the two edge flanges are arranged symmetrically to a plane in a center of the profiled guiding element.

30. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 13, wherein the two edge flanges are arranged asymmetrically to a plane in a center of the profiled guiding element.

31. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 13, wherein an exterior side of at least one of the two edge flanges forms the at least one guiding surface.

32. (Previously Presented) Profiled guiding element according to claim 13, wherein the two edge flanges at least partially surround a sliding body that forms an internal joint element.